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SUBJ: SOVIET WELCOMES DEMISE OF SEATO

1. TWO WEEKEND COMMENTARIES IN THE SOVIET PRESS WELCOMED
THE DECISION BY THE SEATO FOREIGN MINISTERS TO PHASE OUT THE
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PACT ARRANGEMENTS OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. IZVESTIYA

(SEPT 26) AND PRAVDA (SEPT 27) CARRY SIGNED COMMENTARIES (MATVEYEV AND SKALKIN, RESPECTIVELY) WELCOMING THE DISSOLUTION OF THIS "AGGRESSIVE BLOC," HAILING IN STANDARD TERMS THE INDOCHINESE VICTORIES OVER "IMPERIALIST" INTERVENTION, AND PLUGGING FOR A SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA (COMMENT. THE LATTER WOULD, OF COURSE, BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE BAD OLD "AGGRESSIVE BLOC.")

2. THE IZVESTIYA ITEM CLAIMS THAT SOME SEATO SUPPORTERS SOUGHT TO SAVE THE ALLIANCE BY ARGUING THAT PEKING NOW SUPPORTED IT AND THAT SEATO COULD AGREE ON "SPHERES OF INFLUENCE" WITH PEKING. BUT THE ASIAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY ASEAN, KNEW BETTER AND CALLED FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA TO BECOME A ZONE OF "PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY."

3. COMMENT. IN THEIR PUBLIC TREATMENT THE SOVIETS DO NOT HINT THAT SEATO COULD HAVE ANY RESIDUAL UTILITY IN CHECKING ALLEGED CHINESE EXPANSIONISM. ON THE CONTRARY, MOSCOW PORTRAYS PEKING AS COLLUDING WITH SEATO AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION. THE FAVORABLE MENTION OF ASEAN ALSO FITS WITH THE NOW-STANDARD SOVIET MEDIA LINE, WHICH SEES IN THAT GROUPING A POSSIBLE STEP TOWARD ITS IDEA OF A SYSTEM OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY. STOESSEL

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